

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 2, 1998

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY A RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR “LEWISTON’S SHINING STARS”.

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Christopher C. Branch, Development Director Gregory A. Mitchell, and Finance Director Richard Metivier.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the minutes for the meetings of April 21st, April 23rd, April 28th and May 19th be adopted as amended, with the minutes for the May 12th meeting be adopted as presented and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RELAXATION OF SPACE AND BULK STANDARDS

The ordinance pertaining to relaxation of space and bulk standards, having had first reading at the meeting of May 19th, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the ordinance pertaining to the relaxation of space and bulk standards has final passage by a yea and nay vote.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the Planning Board be requested to study the feasibility of amending the Zoning and Land Use Code to allow for limited conversion of single-family dwellings into two-family dwellings within the Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) District. Passed - Vote 6-1 Councilor Lynch opposed.

A motion was made by Councilor Albert and seconded by Councilor Gray for adoption of a resolution to borrow from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission.

Christopher C. Branch, Public Works Director, answered questions from the Council prior to the adoption of the resolution.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Gray:

That the following order be adopted:

ORDERED, That the City of Lewiston issue its bond in the principal amount of not more than \$285,000 to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in order to borrow that sum from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program pursuant to the bond documents providing for maturity, interest and other terms satisfactory to the Mayor and Finance Director, with the advise of counsel; and

That the City of Lewiston loan \$285,000 borrowed from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program to the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission, to be matched by an equal loan from the Auburn Water District, all to fund the purchase of the Holbrook land; and

That the terms of the loan by the City of Lewiston to the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission include interest, payment amounts and other terms approved by the Mayor and Finance Director so as to insure that the payments made on the loan by the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission to the City of Lewiston are sufficient and timely to fund the payments by the City of Lewiston to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank on account of the bond first authorized above; and

That the Mayor and Finance Director are hereby authorized to executive and deliver such notes, bonds and other evidence of indebtedness and other documents and undertakings as may be

necessary to accomplish the above described borrowing and subsequent loan of the proceeds thereof to the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission for the purpose of purchasing the Holbrook land.

Passed - Vote 7-0

Lionel Guay, Chairman of the Festival de Joie, provided an update on the "Prelude Activities" to the festival this year, which are to be located on Lisbon Street.

Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton briefed the Mayor and Council that a group of city staff have been meeting with Mr. Guay to provide appropriate assistance to the festival, City staff participating in these meetings have been: Gil Arsenault, Paul Boudreau, Dan Pelletier, and Peter Crichton.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To provide a successful prelude to the "Festival de Joie" the City will close Lisbon Street to vehicular traffic from Pine Street to Main Street, and on Ash Street from Park Street to Lisbon Street on July 29th and July 30th from 2:00 P.M. to Midnight, subject to approval by the Police and Fire Departments. Passed - Vote 6-1 Councilor Kelly opposed.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the following order be adopted:

ORDERED, That upon recommendation of the City Administrator and Finance Director, this City Council hereby authorizes a transfer of up to \$8,500.00 from the Contingency account #49810-4049000 to the 9-1-1 budget account #48130-4043000 for the purchase of an emergency generator. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the Planning Board be requested to study the feasibility of rezoning the Hogan and Stetson Road area from Suburban Residential (SR) District to Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) District in accordance with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1999 FISCAL YEAR TAX RESOLVE

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the Tax Resolve has passage on first reading by a ye and nay vote, and that the public hearing on the resolve be continued to the meeting of June 16, 1998 for final passage.
Passed -Vote 7-0

**RESOLVE INSTRUCTING THE CHIEF ASSESSOR
TO RAISE A STATED AMOUNT BY TAXATION**

RESOLVED, That the Chief Assessor of the City of Lewiston, Maine be ordered to raise by assessment upon estates of residents of the City of Lewiston, and upon estates of non-resident proprietors in said City of Lewiston for the current fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998, the sum of Thirty-Four Million Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Dollars for the payment of the county tax, for ordinary indebtedness and expenses, for interest on the debt of the City of Lewiston, and for the payment of lawful debts and dues of the City of Lewiston.

A summary of the \$59,062,844.00 Appropriation Resolve, passed by the City Council on May 12, 1998, is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Appropriation Resolve		\$59,062,844.00
LESS:		
Estimated Revenues	\$24,948,949.00	
Prior Years' Surplus	1,350,000.00	
Total Adjustments		\$26,298,949.00
Net Appropriation		\$32,763,895.00
PLUS:		
Allowance for Unpaid Taxes		\$1,724,416.00
TAX LEVY:		\$34,488,311.00

Interest on Real and Personal Taxes will be charged on all taxes which shall remain unpaid after the respective due dates of September 15, 1998 and March 15, 1999, at the rate of 10.75%.

Any taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at the rate of 8%.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the closing of two lanes of the Longley Memorial Bridge, live entertainment in Heritage Park, and to prohibit peddlers and/or vendors on Main Street, between the Longley Bridge and Canal Street, Lincoln Street between Main Street and Cross Street, and on Mill Street, for the July 4th Celebration subject to the following conditions:

1. Security, satisfactory to the Police Chief, to be provided at the expense of the Liberty Festival Committee.
2. Portable toilet facilities to be provided during the event.
3. Area to be kept properly cleaned by the Liberty Festival Committee.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To suspend Section 1 (a) of the Rules Governing the City Council and to hold only one regular meeting during the months of July and August, said meetings to be held on Tuesday, July 14th and Tuesday, August 11, 1998.

Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine